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SECURITIES PROCESSING SYSTEM

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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated March 12, 2004, be extended for two months to and including August 12, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$420 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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